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Hoover's Anger at Ex-CIA Chief

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Former C.I.A. Director Richard Helm ssays J. Edgar Hoover "became irritated with me" for not identifying an FBI agent who gave information to the CIA.

Helms, now ambassador to Iran, said Hoover, the late FBI director, retaliated by calling off the liaison man he formerly sent daily to the CIA to exchange information.

"Mr. Hoover always 'liased' on the other fellow's playing field," Helms said.

Helms said information was exchanged by mail for a while, but then relations between the CIA and FBI returned to normal.

Helms told the story at a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 7, 1973. The transcript was made public yesterday.

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